

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

At page 1, line 6, in the Cross-Reference to Related Applications section, please replace the paragraph with the following amended paragraph:

This application is a divisional application of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/406,617, entitled "TREATMENT OF SURFACES TO STABILIZE HEAVY METALS" filed on April 3, 2003, now U.S. Patent No. 6,984,769, which claims priority to U.S. Provisional Patent Application No. 60/369,956, entitled "TREATMENT OF PAINTED SURFACES TO STABILIZE HEAVY METALS" filed on April 4, 2002. Each of the foregoing is incorporated herein by reference in its entirety.